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## FREE STATE ANNEXES ENGLISH TERRITORY

President Steyn Takes Advantage of the War to Expand His Country.

### YULE HAS RETREATED FROM GLENCOE

The Burghers are Crowding the Forces of White and Yule Who are Now Together and a Big Battle is Imminent--The Boers Far From Being Conquered.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Colonial office has received a cablegram stating that President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, has issued a proclamation annexing that part of Cape Colony which is north of the Vaal river.

This means Griqualand and West Bechuanaland, which are apparently helpless in consequence of the Free State forces having seized the railway and all stations north of Kimberley except Mafeking, unless Mafeking has fallen since the last news from there, which is a week old.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The following dispatch from General George Stewart White to the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, received last evening at 11 o'clock, was posted at the war office soon after midnight:

LADYSMITH, Oct. 24, 9 p. m.—Information received yesterday showed that the Boers had established themselves in considerable numbers in an exceedingly strong position west of the main road leading from Ladysmith to Dundee. I also had information that the Dundee force, formerly commanded by General Symons, and since his wounding, commanded by General Yule, has fallen back on Ladysmith, and was expected to report at Sunday River valley today. I therefore moved out with a strong force to cover the movement of Yule's column.

"The enemy was discovered about seven miles out of Ladysmith in a position of great strength west of the road. When he saw that preparations were being made against him he opened fire with one gun with great accuracy. Our artillery soon got into position and the gun was silenced, our troops being parallel to the enemy's position, but nearer the road.

"I confined my efforts to occupying him and hitting him hard enough to prevent strong action against Yule's command. Numbers of the enemy fled to the west, and firing was practically ceased at 2 o'clock."

### GREAT SUSPENSE EXISTS.

London Fears the Situation is Very Serious.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The war office here has this morning been attempting to explain the summary of the situation in Natal, furnished by Field Marshal Lord Wolseley to the house of commons yesterday. His statement is now said to have created unnecessary alarm, and it is asserted that what the official note called General Yule's retirement would be more accurately described as "a change of position for tactical reasons," and that the alarm for the safety of the wounded is not justified.

It is further explained that the wounded could not be moved, but the fact that they had to be left to their fate while the British forces made a strategic movement to the rear shows the suspense of the house in the absence of subsequent news is amply justified, and that the heavy fighting on Friday and perhaps Saturday is, perhaps, a prelude to still sterner work.

In the absence of authentic news, there are a number of contradictory rumors afloat, but the most reasonable interpretation of the various reports seems to indicate that there was some artillery practice at Glencoe Saturday and Sunday, but no fighting at close

afternoon in regard to the withdrawal of federal troops in Idaho.

Governor Steunenberg has protested very earnestly against the withdrawal by Secretary Root before November 1. It is not announced that the troops will be withdrawn altogether from Idaho or from the Couer d'Alene country on that date but it is not likely that they will be kept away from their home posts much longer.

### WILL BE ARBITRATED.

The United States and Russia to Have a Question Settled.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Russia, it is learned by the Associated Press, has at last agreed to arbitrate with the United States the claim resulting from the seizure of sealers in the Behring sea, which has been pending about eight years. A protocol between the two governments has been drawn up, and final formalities are expected to be concluded next month, and the arbitration will probably take the form of the Venezuela court.

It is a matter of interest that for the first time the Russian government contends that the marine jurisdiction of a country extends at least seven miles from shore, instead of being limited to a marine league, as laid down by older writers on international law.

The league was fixed originally because it represented the extreme distance from shore that a shot could be thrown by one of the old cannon, and the Russians hold that the limit should be extended to correspond to the increased range of modern ordnance.

### COAST JOBBERS

WELL ORGANIZED

### TO DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS

Will Appeal to the Supreme Court if the Commission Decides Against Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—The Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' Association adjourned tonight. The work of organization was completed.

H. D. Loveland was elected traffic manager for the Pacific coast and also chairman of the traffic committee. Traffic, finance and auditing committees were elected. Representatives from Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Sacramento and Los Angeles were present.

When the members of the executive committee parted last night the work of welding the business interests of the Pacific coast together for the purpose of defense was fully accomplished, and a condition will be brought about that is unparalleled in the history of the Coast states.

If the inter-state commerce commission should decide in favor of the St. Louis jobbers, the case will be taken to the supreme court of the United States, which tribunal has laid down a doctrine concerning inter-state commerce along the lines advanced in the contention of the Pacific coast jobbers and manufacturers.

### GRAND JURY IN SESSION.

It Will Probably Find a New Indictment Against Miners.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Oct. 24.—It is probable that the trial of the Couer d'Alene miners will begin Monday next. The grand jury is now in session.

It is probable that the new indictment they will present against the men will include the names of those in the old indictment and also the names of "the 400 whose names are unknown."

Out of the 442 indicted by the former grand jury, it is not probable that more than 20 will be tried. These will probably be tried jointly.

The rest of the indicted miners are out of the state, having been paroled or have escaped. The defense will ask the court to pay the expenses of their witnesses, as they are unable to do so.

Edwin Brooks, a defaulting witness before the grand jury, was brought in today and heavily fined.

## A GENERAL ENGAGEMENT EXPECTED AT ILO ILO

Insurgent General Pulion Has Begun "Unrolling the Bloody Scroll."

### TAGAL REBELS PLAYING FOR WIND

They Are Simply Trying to Hold Out Until the Presidential Election in the United States--Only Light Skirmishes on the Luzon Island.

MANILA, Oct. 24.—Ilo Ilo is stirred by the expectation of important fighting. General Pulion began "unrolling the bloody scroll" as he promised his followers in a recent speech by firing volleys at the American outposts nightly.

Since Sunday re-inforcements have been arriving. This activity is designed to divert the Visayans from their dissatisfaction against the Tagalos. Aguinaldo has ordered the release on parole of Areneta and other Visayan leaders who were disposed to negotiate for peace, and is watching them to prevent further negotiations.

MANILA, Oct. 24.—The Fourth Infantry reconnoitered about Imus and found that the insurgents had returned to Das Marinas. Their bugles blew when the Americans approached. It is reported they are reorganizing at Malabon and other towns. The leading inhabitants in that section have requested General Otis to garrison the towns because the insurgents are living off the people. Otis has prohibited the local papers from printing the arrivals, departures, or any other movements of the troops.

Aguinaldo, if he is a student of Manila papers, has been kept posted as to the whereabouts of every company in the army. News that the Spaniards attempted to surrender the rebel artillery at Santa Rosa has reached Tarlac and has spread through the country. The Filipinos are taking vengeance on prisoners by curtailing the few privileges they had.

ROME DECIDES. Catholic Parishes May Have Priests of Their Nationality.

ROME, Oct. 24.—Following is the full text of the official instructions from Cardinal Ledochowski to the Bishop of Belleville, Ill., bearing on recent controversy in the Catholic church of East St. Louis: "Remove immediately the excommunication from the parish as they do not deserve it. Get father Cruise to resign and appoint a pastor of their own nationality over them."

It follows on these instructions that the general practice of the church for the future in the United States will be that the bishop must appoint pastors according to the nationality of the congregations.

MARION COUNTY MURDER. One Man Kills Another Over the Terms of a Lease.

SALEM, Oct. 24.—Ted Perry was shot and killed today on a farm four miles south of Salem by J. A. Willard. The latter had rented a farm from Perry for a year, and a controversy existed between them as to the time the lease expired.

Willard gave himself up to Sheriff Durbin, claiming to have acted in self-defense.

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